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not voting to make this....this Body partisan.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not going to vote for the bill even if you adopt my amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you, Senator Syas, I agree with you. I'll also vote against this bill. I'm against the partisan Legislature. I have no request from the people in my district asking me to get this on the ballot and I've had meetings in my district and I asked for an opinion of the people and they say they are against a partisan Body and that's the way I'll vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: No response.

PRESIDENT: We're still speaking on the Syas amendment. Let's try to confine our remarks to that and then we can move to the bill. I realize you can't hardly discuss one without the other but try it.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, I think I'd better wait and ask, I want to talk about the bill so I'll pass until we get to it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barnett is passing. Back to you, Senator DeCamp. Sure, let's go back to Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'd ask for the question.

PRESIDENT: You are asking for the question....you want to close debate?

SENATOR BARNETT: Right.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Barnett is...has moved to close debate. Does the Chair see 5 hands? I'm sorry, hold your hands up because I only see....thank you, the question is shall the debate now close? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to close debate on the Syas amendment. Question is do you want to close debate on the Syas amendment? Senator Barnett moved to close debate on the Syas amendment to LB649. Have you all voted? Motion is to close debate. All right, Clerk will record. Read the tally.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: Very good. The motion is lost. Senator Whitney, do you want to discuss the Syas amendment to LB649? We're still discussing the Syas amendment.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Syas a question please.

PRESIDENT: Does Senator Syas yield?

SENATOR WHITNEY: In other words, if the Legislature wanted to, they could put ten political parties up on here and have them all partisan. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I think under your original bill, you'd have to put the political....organized political parties on